Norms for National Highways Construction

1012. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to make the norms related to construction of national highways more flexible;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether with this objective in view, Government are framing a new Model Concession Agreement (MCA) which provides for risk sharing between Government and the investors; and

(d) if so, the details of MCA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (d) Modified Model Concession Agreement (MCA) for public private partnership in road project is under consideration of the Government. As such it is too early to give the details.

Road proposal from Karnataka

1013. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government have sent any proposal for the sanction of Rs. 2300 crores for laying of four laning of Hassan-Bantwal Section of NH-48, and other four or six lane on NH-13, 63 and NH-48; and

(b) if so, the present status of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) A request for four/six laning of Hassan-Mangalore Section of NH-48, Hospet-Chitradurga Section of NH-13 and Hospet-Bellary Section of NH-63 has been received from the Government of Karnataka and these proposals have not been included in NHDP Phase-III. However, in the Karnataka total 457 km. length of National Highways comprising stretches of NH-4, 4A, 7, 17 & 48 have been identified for four/six laning on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase-IIIA.

Inland waterways in Kerala

1014. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala have submitted a project for the inland waterways in Kerala;